

RESOLUTION NO. R-2010-1439

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, ST. GEORGE FIELD OFFICE, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY AS A COOPERATING AGENCY

WHEREAS, in order to prepare management plans for the Beaver Dam Wash and Red Cliffs National Conservation Areas, amend the St. George Field Office Resource Management Plan (SGFO RMP), and amend the associated Environmental Impact Statement (SGFO RMP Amendment /EIS), the Bureau of Land Management's St. George Field Office (BLM) desires that the BLM and Washington County enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the following purposes:

1. To designate Washington County as a Cooperating Agency in the RMP Amendment/EIS process.
2. To provide a framework for cooperation and coordination between the BLM and the Cooperator that will ensure successful completion of the SGFO and RMP Amendment/EIS in a timely, efficient, and thorough manner.
3. To recognize that the BLM is the lead agency with responsibility for the completion of the SGFO RMP Amendment/EIS and the Record of Decision (ROD).
4. To describe the respective responsibilities, jurisdictional authority, and expertise of each of the parties in the planning process.

WHEREAS, the BLM and Washington County have negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a cooperating agency relationship and accomplish the purposes set forth above (MOU) pursuant to the terms set forth therein, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to execute the MOU.

NOW, THEREFORE, at a regular meeting of the legislative body of Washington County, Utah, duly called, noticed, and held on the 20th day of April 2010, upon motion duly made and seconded, it is unanimously:

RESOLVED that the MOU between the BLM and Washington County, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is hereby approved and adopted.

VOTED UPON AND PASSED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON THE 20TH DAY OF APRIL 2010.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

JAMES J. EARDLEY, Chair
Washington County Commission

ATTEST:

Kim M. Hafen
Washington County Clerk-Auditor

Commissioner Eardley voted _____
Commissioner Gardner voted _____
Commissioner Drake voted _____